THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

§

In re Application of: Maas, Steven J.

Serial Number:

Filing Date:

09/902,508

July 10, 2001

Title: Wavelength Drop with Integral

Optical Amplifier

Group Art Unit:

2633

Examiner:

Unassigned

Attorney Docket No.: P30296US

Certificate of Mailing

Box Patents Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Patents, Commissioner of Patents, Washington D. 20231, on the data of signature below.

Signature

Date

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted herewith are patents, publications or other information of which the undersigned is aware.

The submission of these documents is in no way intended to constitute an admission that these documents are "material" under 37 CFR 1.56. Furthermore, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within the time period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e). The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information in the attorney's file.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/14/01 By:

Erik J. Osterfleder Reg. No.: P-48,966 Arnold & Associates 2603 Augusta, Suite 800 Houston, Texas 77057

Tel: (713) 972-1150 Fax: (713) 972-1180

ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT